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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INCREASING POWER GENERATING CAPACITY  
FOR THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The recent tragic events in New Orleans and the  
2 rest of the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and  
3 the recent threats to the State by Hurricanes Jova and Kenneth  
4 reinforce the urgency of making sure that the emergency medical  
5 caregivers of this state are provided with sufficient facilities  
6 and energy capacity to sustain a massive medical emergency.

7           The legislature finds that The Queen's Medical Center is  
8 the only medical facility with a trauma center that is certified  
9 by the College of Surgeons. While all hospitals are equipped  
10 with emergency facilities to deal with sick patients needing  
11 immediate care, a trauma center is a specially equipped facility  
12 for dealing with serious and life-threatening injuries caused by  
13 external forces. A critical component of a properly equipped  
14 trauma center is an operating room served by numerous and varied  
15 medical specialists, diagnostic equipment, and other life-  
16 support systems. To support the continuing operation of a  
17 trauma center in the middle of a massive disaster, sufficient



1 emergency energy capacity is vital. The Queen's Medical Center  
2 presently has two emergency generators with a total installed  
3 capacity of two thousand kilowatts. However, estimated peak  
4 demand in the event of a disaster is six thousand kilowatts.  
5 Part of this demand would be to operate water pumps to obtain  
6 water from the hospital's own private wells when the public  
7 supply is unavailable. The needed additional energy capacity  
8 would require three additional operating generators and one  
9 standby generator, along with a new storage structure capable of  
10 withstanding the wind force of a category five hurricane.

11 The legislature further finds that a trauma center capable  
12 of operating in the middle of a massive disaster is for a public  
13 purpose.

14 The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to  
15 The Queen's Medical Center to ensure that it remains ready to  
16 serve the entire community in time of disaster.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the hurricane  
18 reserve trust fund the sum of \$1 or so much thereof as may be  
19 necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 as a grant pursuant to  
20 chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for The Queen's Medical  
21 Center to increase its emergency power generator system to  
22 ensure a required maximum capacity of six thousand kilowatts to



1 continue operating its hospital and trauma center in the event  
2 of a disaster.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 health for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



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**Report Title:**

Chapter 42F Grant; The Queen's Medical Center

**Description:**

Appropriates funds from the hurricane reserve trust fund for a chapter 42F grant to The Queen's Medical Center to increase its emergency power generator system to a maximum capacity of six thousand kilowatts for the Center's continued operation as a hospital and trauma center in the event of a disaster. (HB2446 HD2)

